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REQUEST

The Office is requested to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed with the Information Disclosure Statements on April 15, 2002.

The Office is also requested to acknowledge applicant's claim for domestic priority.

Moreover, acceptance of the previously-filed drawings or specific objection or rejection of the same is requested.

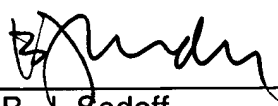
The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of November 2, 2004, however, as the above indicated and requested items have not been acknowledged by the Patent Office to date, the applicants believe it timely to make such a request at the present time.

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